

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, October 15, 2007 at 4:30pm at the Riverside Skating Center.

Present at said meeting were Leon Trachtman, Paula Woods, Garnet Peck, Mike Dana, Karen Springer and Attorney John Sorensen. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, Lee Booth and Sue Mattern represented the department. Council member Ann Hunt and Gil Satterly were also present. Absent were Council member Gerry Keen and Brenda Lorenz and Cheryl Kolb from the Department.

Leon convened the Board at 4:30pm.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the September 17, 2007 meeting. Mike motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Garnet seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Sue welcomed everyone to the Riverside Skating Center and thanked them for coming.

Superintendent – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing and a copy of the news release about the grant for the Sagamore West Farmer's Market.
- Passed around two thank-you notes.

Assistant Superintendent – Pennie reported on the following:

- On September 23rd and 24th, She and Tom James attended the Playground Safety Institute to become certified Playground Safety Inspectors. They will not know for six weeks if they passed. This is the fifth time for them to take the course, passing the previous courses. Only 80% of those that retake the class pass. It is a very intense two-day course followed by a two-hour test.
- During the NRPA Congress in Indianapolis Dan Downey of Indiana Recreation & Design hooked us up with John Burnau of Pierceton Rubber Products. They donated \$3500 worth of rubber products to our Department; a blue dolphin, green frog, three boulders and two rubber mats.
- Distributed copies of the final pool report.

Parks – Lee reported on the following:

- Inspections noted.
- Finished winterizing the pool.
- Started getting things ready at the rink.
- Installing new (donated) playground equipment in Happy Hollow Park.
- The east section of the barn was foam insulated.

Recreation – Chris reported on the following:

- A new computer server was installed in City Hall office.
- Grade School Volleyball began on September 22 and will conclude on October 20. Forty-one, fourth, fifth and sixth graders are participating in the volleyball program lead by Coach Bridget Brunton. Several of Coach Brunton's West Lafayette 8th grade volleyball team players have been volunteering to teach the younger children.

- On October 2, our Department hosted the Rec-Trac Indiana Users Group meeting open to all Indiana Parks and Recreation Departments, along with University users. Rec-Trac is the software used for all registrations and facility reservations.
- Greg Tudor has agreed to coach second and third grade school basketball program. Rick Forbes will be coaching the 4th grade program. Forms will be taken to the schools this week. The program will be offered from November 5 through February 16.
- October 31st will be the last day to reserve a park shelter.

Morton Center – Pennie reported in Brenda's absence on the following:

- The Tippecanoe County Health Department is giving a flu clinic at Morton on Friday, October 26, 9 am – noon. The flu shots are \$15 or free if people have Medicare Part B coverage.
- WALLA classes start today and run Monday through Thursday for the next four weeks.

Old Business

Joe mentioned that Lee brought a couple of the logo signs that will be installed on the Nighthawk Trail and Wabash Heritage Trail. Those will be installed with the regular trail signing and signing will be upgraded on the new piece of the Wabash Heritage Trail that is along Tapawingo South across State Street and then all of Nighthawk Trail from the south end of Clayton in Barberry down to the frontage road and then on down to Sagamore Ridge Apartments then across Sagamore Parkway to the softball fields.

New Business

Zamboni Signage

Joe presented a proposal for signage for the Zamboni. Proposing that the Park Board adopt a policy allowing the Department to request a donation for signs each skating season. A donation of \$500 for this coming season, that is the annual fee paid for advertising on the outfield fence at Loeb Stadium. Joe also spoke with Dave Williams of PEFCU, and he felt that that was reasonable and not a problem. Joe has not spoken with Bill Olds of Lafayette Life. Joe would like to keep the entrance fees and users fees where they are at the rink instead of raising fees. To do that, he would like to raise a little additional revenue and this would be one way to do it to help cover our escalating utility cost at our more-or-less, pay-as-you go, operation. After some discussion, Mike motioned that the signage revenue should be used toward the operation of the skating center, more specifically the cost of the operation of the Zamboni. Paula seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Surplus

Lee requested that the Board declare surplus a 1988 Chevy ¾ ton 4x4, ID #4794. The rear axle is broken. The street department mechanic along with our mechanic suggests that it is not worth repairing. Mike motioned to declare the truck surplus. Garnet seconded the motion and the motion carried.

West Lafayette School Board – Karen reported on the following:

Junior High Assistant Principal Bob Troyer is retiring at the end of the school year. The Superintendent has analyzed the position and has recommended the position title be changed to Junior High Principal. The Board has supported the recommendation. They will begin the interview process.

The School Board approved the contract again with Red Storm Basketball for grades 3, 4, 5, and 6. The contract is the same as last year for use of Burtfield gym on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 4 – 9 pm and Saturdays from 8 – noon.

Wabash River

Paula reported the symposium that WREC sponsored, 'Greening the River', was very good. A gentleman was here from Austin and he talked primarily about economic and tourism impact. There was also a man from Louisville who talked about their Riverfront development and the Mayor of Carmel.

The Wabash River Parkway Commission met Thursday and they would like to buy two voyageurs north canoes. They believe the cost would be \$20,000. They are going to try and get other partners to buy into these so they could be used for the races at Riverfest and also for cultural tours of the river and with scout groups. The paddles and safety jackets have already been purchased.

Other**BPR 2-07**

Joe presented a Resolution to transfer of \$1500 from Park Board 290 Other Supplies to Park Board 394 Contract Services to cover the cost of computer network services. Garnet motioned to approve the transfer as presented. Mike seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Purchase Orders**Pay Claims**

Mike motioned for claims to be paid. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Presiding Officer

Secretary